

St. Paul's Parish Pastoral Council

Monday June 21, 2021 – 7:00 p.m. (via Zoom)

Minutes Prepared by Diana Strassman

Present:

Scott Rutan Tim Runyan Linda D'Antonio
Sharyn Lipari Marianne Ferrara Joe Ferrara
Dn. Mark Robbins Diana Strassman

Not Present:

Fr. Paul Gitau Deb Urtz-Gleason Bill Green
Bonnie Korherr Robin Martz Jodi Hickey
Eileen Wirley Ella Rynkiewicz Elizabeth Randisi

1. Opening Prayer
2. The meeting was called to order by Scott Rutan. The Minutes of the previous meeting and agenda for the meeting were approved. Marianne asked that a Parishioner's concerns be added to the agenda. Scott suggested that be included under New Business.
3. Committee Reports:
Bill Green usually coordinates elections. Elizabeth, Linda and Bonnie are at the end of their term. Linda & Bonnie have agreed to do a 2nd term. Bill must go off for a year, as his 2nd term is concluding.

We need a teen rep and 2 adult members.

Suggestions were made to post openings in the bulletin, on the website and a personal approach.

Send Bill Green any possible names for membership.

4. Various discussions included:

Prayer Shawl Committee- they resumed meeting this past Saturday.

They would like to be able to wash the afghans that have been stored in their meeting room.

Members would also like to be informed of when they can meet in person again in their usual meeting room.

Scott informed that there is no word about group meetings due inadequate ventilation. He further stated that there is no word on what the School of Religion will look like.

5. Library Committee would also like to know why they cannot open. They have suggested that they will use the Public Library's return policies.

Mark said there is no problem with inventory taking. Robin can reply to these concerns.

6. Funerals- A parishioner was upset about being reprimanded for lowering his mask. Prayer cards were not allowed to be distributed in the church as bulletins are distributed. It was suggested that prayer cards be distributed upon leaving the church.

7. Reflections- Moving Forward-Issues run deeply. Things are progressing rapidly. Many things can be normalized, i.e., taking the Host, put wine in a small individualize

8. Welcome Back- How do we get people back? Many suggestions were offered and sent to Scott previous to the meeting. Other ideas included, Bible Study, Music, Surveying the parishioners, Social Media...many ideas.

9. Changes- There have been staff changes, lost staff. Deep wounds in the hearts of the congregation.

10.Scott asked that any thoughts about moving forward be sent to him. He has heard from 2 Council members so far.

11.The meeting was concluded with a prayer.